In the case of the former the teeth were carefully sharpened on one side and the larger ned cut down for a handle. It presents a Assistant Superintendent of Teigraph Roome the other day, "calls to maind the happy idea of Superintendent Joseph Bonner, now located with the Southern Pacific company at San Francisco, when he was on this end. You may remember his experience in painting the telegraph poles of the Arizona desert with asphalt, and from the sand sticking to them gradually simulating stone. Well, what I am about to relate equaled this proceeding both as to efficacy and conception. In western Texas, west of Spofford Junction and for many miles, it was almost impossible to make a telegraph pole kast more than six months, owing to the many woodpeckers in that section. The birds constantly actacked the posts and actually perforated the weed in divers places and the peles hore the appearance of having been well bored, soon becoming useless. Realizing that something must be done. Mr. Donner put on his thinking cap, and at the end of a week he had solved the problem.

"A month later he journeyed to Spofford Junction, and attached to the trait was a carload of hollow iron poles, each painted to resemble ordinary rough red cedar. These he set up at intervals of five miles, covering the territory affected by the woodpeckers. A skilled eye could not determine the difference between the iron poles and the wooden ones. Concented within the top of each of the metal poles Mr. Donner attached a very small 'buzzer, 'similar to those used in lieu of call

termine the difference between the iron poles and the wooden ones. Concealed within the top of each of the netal poles Mr. Donner attached a very small 'buzer,' similar to those used in lieu of call bells, and these he attached to the telegraph wires, they keeping up a constant humming. Here is where the woodpeckers were fooled. They imagined the 'buzzers' were insects in the poles, and then began a desperate sortie of the birds upon the metal. They flocked to the anticipated harvest by scores, and the foodish things never realized their error until the bill of each was worn down to a frazzle. A month's time found every woodpecker in the state in this awkward predicament, and being unable to penetrate the fron

the state in this awkward predicament, and being utable to penetrate the iron they gave up and went to eating gravel. The poles of wood were saved.

"A peculiar result was that the progeny of the mutilated birds showed bills without points, and consequently these latter are unable to do any damage. Every woodpecker along the line now wears his till as rounded as a baseball, and we experience no more trouble. Mr. Donner was thinking of patenting the Idea, but did not, however, preferring that other lines should have the benefit of his ingenuity free."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

TELEPHONE WIRE.

In Each Apparatus There Is Over Half

"When you say 'Hello!' to 'central' did you know that you talk over 2,000 feet, or one half mile, of copper whe before the sound of your voice is transmitted from the telephone box?" asked the superintendent of the Missourl and Kansas Telephone company of a reporter for The Times recently. It is a fact that in each telephone there is 2,900 feet of fine wire. You see, the phone is composed of three parts.

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"First the ringing apparatus, then the transmitter and last the ear trumpet or receiver. In the first are two small cords about the size of a No. 40 speed of thread immediately behind the bells, each containing 500 feet, and in the magneto or ringing machine is another cell, contain.

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'In the telephone exchange we have 3,800 instruments. With 2,000 feet in each the total would make 9,570,000 feet of very fine wire in use in the telephones of the city alone. Figuring 5,280 feet to the mile, it would make slightly over 181 miles of wire as fine as a thread. 'This wire is insulated or shielded with two thicknesses of extremely fine slik thread and is an item of considerable ex-pense, as the spools or coils are easily burned out. There is an equal amount of wire contained in coils back of the switch board at 'central' which makes 302 miles, or enough to reach from here to St. Louis, with a good many miles to spare.''—Kan sas City Times.

The Causes of Cancer.

There are few diseases that afflict the human family that are more to be dreaded than those of a cancerous miture. The cancer proper is a most appalling foe to life. Whether it can be cured is and always has been a debatable question. Cases are cited where alleged marvelous cures have been effected, but this does not to any appreciable extent after the facts in any appreciable extent after the facts in the case that the cancer is practically incurable once it gets any sort of headway in the system. The causes of this disease have been so imperfectly understood that any effort at prevention was worse than useless. A French scientist chains to have discovered cancer germs in wood and that artisans who work in wood are much more subject to this disease, all things considered, than those who handle most other materials. Having once started on this line of research, he found cancer germs in wood and vegetation of various kinds. Elm and willow trees showed a greater proportion of these germs than other woods. In high allitudes or where trees are not common very few cancer germs were found. From all of which it appears that we may be at last on the highroad to some reliable and conclusive knowledge upon a subject which has bailled the skill of medical scientists for many years.—New York Ledger.

Not Without Guile.

They used to say of Senator Perkins of California that he subtly flattered those whom he desired to count among his con-stituents by asking each man of them, whom he desired to count among his constituents by asking each man of them, met singly, what time it was by his watch and setting his own timepiece necordingly. It was an exceedingly good way of advancing his own cause, but a young physician here in town unblushingly confesses to a piece of diplomatic duplicity just as elever and just as successful. When Just as elever and just as successful. When ever practice legs, he buys a number of clinical thermometers and presents them to all mothers of young children he knows. Of course as soon as a mother begins to take the temperatures of her children she is bound to discover fluctuations never dreamed of before, and as not one women no 20 can read a clinical thermometer correctly or tell what it means when she has read it—well, you can see for yourself that that crafty medicine man is going to be sent for. The idea is a good one, but personally I think any man who trades on the anxiety of a mother for her babies is a the anxiety of a mother for her babies is a heartless villain.—Washington Post

CURIOUS WEAPONS

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In the University of Pennsylvania are curios which are closely allied with the earlier periods of the Philippine islands. They consist of a number of specimens of primitive weapons and are the only examples of the kind in the country. The collection, meager as it is, has already attracted considerable attention, and the many visitors attest to the deep interest the people feel in all that pertains to the new territory.

The curios are five in number and were obtained at the rastrow (rag fair) at Madrid and deposited in the university.

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THE FEAST OF DOLLS.

One of the Many Odd Customs of Odd
Little Japan.

In that land of feasts and festivals—
Japan—the most popular one with the
children is the feast of dolls, which takes
place in the month of February. It perlarge answers to our St. Valentime festivals.

The fun lasts for three days, and, if littite Miss Japan's father and mother and
grandfather and grundmother have laid
up in store for this occasion, dolls by the
hundreds are brought forth to celebrate
the feast, and many of the dolls are years
and years old, hundreds of years even, for
every old doll that enters a Japanese home
is treasured and kept for this great day.

The best room in the house is chosen.
Here sledves covered with rich silken
hangings, gay in color, are arranged, perhups five or six shelves, extending the
length of one side of the room.

The principal dolls are the emperor and
empress of Japan, or two dolls dressed to
represent these august personages in their
court attire. Everything centers about
them. Dolls to represent maids of honor,
courtlers and statesmen, each in appropri
ate dress, are ranged next in order.

Everything which their imperial majesties can possibly need in the way of
household furniture is represented in miniature. Silver cups, bowls and rice buck
sts on lacquered trays are placed before
the emperor and empress, and each day
the little child for whom this festival is
prepared fills the dishes with the different
kinds of food used in a Japanese household
—rice, fruits, nuts and cake or sweet
wine.

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which an imperial doll can be expected to

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Besides the table service, everything which an imperial doll can be expected to need isseen—lacquered palanquins, funny, hood shaped bullock carts, fire boxes, charcoal backets and tongs. Nor is the toiled table and its accessories forgotten. There are combs, brushes, mirrors, utensils for blacketing the toeth, for reddening the lips and whitening the face.

At the end of the feast the dolls are packed away for another year, except two for the property of the pr

"What do you teach, languages, music

"What do you teach, languages, music or grammary"
"None of them," was the answer with a sigh. "I have a special line, one that ills a long feit want and with which I expert to so wonders. But I haven't as yet been able to get up a class of these men you read about who are so rich they don't know what to do with their money."

— Detroit, Free Descripts

DIED OF GRIEF.

A Herse That Could Not Stand the Pang

A Herse That Could Not Stand the Pangs of Separation.

"Speaking of the emotional life of a horse," said an old trainer who had been listening to a story about an antimate death that was directly traced to grief, "I recall one remarkable instance of sorrow shown by a horse belonging to a circus with which I was traveling three years ago. We were performing in the little town of Uniony, ie, Pa., when one of the trick horses fell and *: rained one of his legs so badly that he cat. At not travel. He was taken to a livery; side and put in a box stall, the leg was bandaged and he was made as comfortable as possible.

"He ate his food and was apparently contented until about midnight, when the circus began moving out of town. Then he became restless and trumped and whimied. As the caravans moved past the stable he scomed to realize that he was being deserted, and his anxiety and distress became pitiful. He would stand with his cars pricked in an attitude of intense listening, and then as his carse caught the studies of the stall to the other, pushing at the door with his injured leg from one side of the stall to the other, pushing at the door with his nose and making every effort to escape. The stableman, who was a stranger to him, tried to soothe him, but to no purpose. Ho would not be comforted.

"Long after all sounds of the circus had ceased his agitation continued. The sweat pouted from him, and he quivered in every part of his body. Finally the stablemas went to his employer's house, woke him up and told him he believed the horse would die if some of the circus horses were not brought back to keep him company. At about daylight the proprietor of the stablemas went to his employer's house, woke him up and told him he believed the horses and was much attached to the injured animal I returned with him. When we reached the stall, the horse was dead.

"The stableman said that he remained for saraly an hour perfectly still and with every sense apparently strained to the utmost tension, and the without making a sign f

Then She Did.

Mrs. Lakeside—Garcong, garcong, don—don—don—don—donez moi—oh, why don't you waiters understand English?
Waiter (politely)—Why doesn't madam speak it?—Harper's Bazar.

Football was a crime in England in R. J. MACKEY.

SIOUX PARTY CALLS.

Indians Daily Visits to the Stadio-Entertained at fee. The Indians have made their party

calls. That is, after the studio tea, to which the party of nine Sioux gentlemen was invited by Mrs. Gertrude Kasebier the other day, to have their pictures taken. In fact, they have made a great many calls, and the tea was the beginning of a round of festivi-

was the beginning of a round of restri-ties of a mild nature.

It seems that with Sioux gentlemen an invitation, or even a call without an invitation, is considered the equiva-lent to a declaration of friendship for life, and they do not neglect any of the

"If you have had those Indians there once, they will spend the greater part of their time with you while they are around this part of the country," some one said to Mrs. Kasebier Immediately

"Well, let them come," she answered, stoutly, still remembering her early life on the plains. "I shall be glad to see them.

And they do come, and they are always cordially received. Callers of this kind might not be so agreeable in a private house, but in a studio it is somewhat different, and Mrs. Kasebler somewhat different, and Mrs. Kassoner and the young women artists who share the studio with her gaze at their guests with a feeling of deep artistic appreciation.

But the gentlemen are by no means

hores. Their calls are comparatively short. After staying about half an hour, the one who for the time being condescends to speak English inquires about the time. The hostesses then know that their callers are about to leave, and shortly after they depart with polite good-byes. The pictures taken were a great suc-

cess. They were works of art, and more than that, the Sioux gentlemen who cannot be expected to have an aesthetic appreciation, saw likenesses with which they were well pleased. They were so delighted that one of them, coming again, insisted in asking one of the young women artists to have her picture taken with him. And she did, with a cup of tea in her hands and Mr. What-Ever-fils-Name-flap-pened-to-Be smiling at her in quite a civilized fashion. He insisted in waiting for a picture, and remarked, in courteous Indian English:
"Want one."

But that was one request that was

not granted. Although the picture was a great success and a delight to the studioltes and their confreres, showing delightful artistic qualities, even a picturesque Sioux gentleman cannot have everything he wishes, and Mr. What-Ever-His-Name-Happened-to-Be did

everything he wishes, and Mr. WhatEver-His-Name-Happened-to-Be did
not even see it.

There was only one of the gentlemen
guests at the studio tea who was not
pleased with the pictures. He was one
of the oider gentlemen. It all goes to
show that it is not the very youthful
people or the women who are vain,
The objector was Mr. Iron Tail. Mr.
cooring and strongly marked face.
The picture taken, simply, without the
addition of a feather headdress, was
like a study in bronze.

But Iron Tail said it was too black
and he tore it up. Now he is having a
picture taken to look white, but natural
conditions will prevent his appearing
too much like a galeface.—N. Y. Sun.

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